

Allied Counties tumble

Berks and Bucks 0,

The Army F.A. 1

HIT BY INJURIES which necessitated nearly a complete reshuffle, the Berks and Bucks F.A. representative side lost by the only goal to their visitors from the Army in a friendly at Loakes Park on Wednesday evening.

The Allied Counties' team bore little resemblance to the one originally chosen. Add to this the fact that the majority of the side were playing in their second mid-week match inside seven days and it is little wonder that the squad failed to impress as they were expected to.

Playing a 4-2-4 formation, the Allied Counties held their own for most of the game and shared the Army's knack of missing chances. Both Stevens and Kenny Kent failed in front of goal during the first period.

In the second half the Army looked faster on to the ball and scored 20 minutes from time, when their left back rammed a free kick, awarded against Ford, goalwards from 50 yards out. However, goalkeeper Reynolds let the shot slip through his hands. Shortly before half-time Delaney received a gash on the shin and after the break Vince Faulkner (Wycombe) replaced him.

Team manager Barry Darvill was prepared to make no verdict on the Berks and Bucks performance, because it had shown so many changes and offered no true guide to the Allied Counties' Southern Counties Amateur championship prospects.

Berks & Bucks: C. Reynolds (Slough Town); J. Ford (Wokingham), J. Delaney (Slough), B. Pitts (Maidenhead), D. Smith (Chesham); J. Lailey (Wycombe), B. Hatt (Slough); L. Worley (Wycombe), B. Stevens (Slough), K. Kent (Slough), L. Merrick (Wycombe). Sub.: V. Faulkner (Wycombe).



Wycombe's leading league scorer Les Merrick. He had a fairly good game for the county.